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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED AUGUST 18, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due November 18, 2006. This response is file on the next PTO business day and is therefore timely filed.

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**"Remarks"** begins on Page 18 of this Response.